

## WILDFIRE HAZARD - DISTRICT 2

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COUNTY	MITIGATION PROJECT	PRIORITY
Blackfeet Reservation	Construct a fire hall in community of Seville.	M
Blackfeet Reservation	Create defensible space around structures and promote FIREWISE programs in communities.	H
Blackfeet Reservation	Coordinate with landowners for enhanced grazing around towns to reduce fuels.	M
Blackfeet Reservation	Obtain fire fighting equipment for VFDs in rural communities.	M
Blackfeet Reservation	Locate water tank in rural areas for fire fighting.	H
Blackfeet Reservation	Develop additional water storage facilities.	M
Blackfeet Reservation	Provide training for volunteer fire fighters for wildland certification.	H
Blackfeet Reservation	Recruit more volunteer fire fighters.	H
Blackfeet Reservation	Create fire breaks as needed on the reservation.	H



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Blackfeet Reservation	Conduct fuel reduction projects, as needed.	H
Blaine	Obtain mobile generators for response vehicles to pump water from hydrants and/or bladders.	H
Blaine	Develop Type III Incident Management Team table of organization utilizing expertise within the county and adjacent counties within the MT State DES Region.	H
Blaine	Develop a County Wildfire-Emergency and All Risk Operations Plan, including a County/Interagency communications plan with cooperators and communities.	H
Blaine	Continue grazing in sustainable areas by wild and domestic ungulates to reduce fuel loading and lower potential wildfire intensity.	H
Blaine	Implement Firewise practices through creation of defensible space around communities and private homes. Utilize standard Fire Protection Guidelines for residential development in the WUI. Participate in the National Firewise Communities program.	H
Blaine	Develop GPS database of water sources in County to enhance fire fighting efforts.	H
Blaine	Utilize and enforce Blaine County Burning Permit. Examine adjacent county's burning permits and standardize requirements.	H



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Blaine	Implement fuel reduction measures along highways, communication sites, around perimeter and within communities by cutting or mowing where feasible.	H
Blaine	Coordinate with cooperators to employ fuel reduction treatments on CRP and other lands with high or undesirable fuels. Treatments such as double row plow/disk perimeter, mowing vegetation, introduce prescribed fire, other mechanical treatments or a combo.	H
Blaine	Obtain GPS units and provide training for fire departments.	H
Blaine	Identify appropriate locations for the installation of dry hydrants to provide water for fire fighting.	H
Blaine	Improve communication amongst volunteer fire fighters.	H
Blaine	Develop new water supplied in rural areas for fire fighting.	H
Blaine	Obtain larger fire response vehicles to accommodate mobile generators.	H
Blaine	Utilize County and cooperators expertise to meet training needs. Provide incentive for fire fighters to attend training. Practice until proficient with County GPS units and cooperators communications system.	H



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Blaine	Obtain a temporary water bladder(s) of 5,000 to 10,000 gallons for Turner and Hogeland until permanent water storage facilities are constructed.	L
Blaine	Reduce number of abandoned wood buildings in town.	L
Blaine	Identify site(s) and develop water storage facilities for towns of Turner and Hogeland.	M
Blaine	With cooperators, provide classroom or video fire suppression training for rural area citizens and County employees who will respond to wildland fires.	H
Blaine	Coordinate with State Regional DES and Federal partners for scheduling and attendance at Incident Command System (ICS) 100/200 and/or IS 700 or State of Montana DES training requirements.	H
Blaine	Reduce number of railroad ignitions by coordination with BNSF railroad welding crews. Request railroad right-of-way fuel reduction mowing/spraying removal.	H
Fort Belknap Reservation	Construct a heated emergency response building in Lodgepole to house fire tenders and ambulance.	M
Fort Belknap Reservation	Develop new water supplies in rural areas for fire fighting.	M





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Fort Belknap Reservation	Investigate sources of used fire fighting equipment to equip community fire halls.	H
Fort Belknap Reservation	Develop new and upgrade existing dry hydrants in Hays and Lodgepole.	M
Fort Belknap Reservation	Obtain a temporary water bladder(s) of 5,000 to 10,000 gallons for Hays and Lodgepole until permanent water storage facilities are constructed.	M
Fort Belknap Reservation	Install cisterns or water tanks in strategic locations for fire fighting.	M
Fort Belknap Reservation	Obtain mobile generators for response vehicles to pump water from hydrants and/or bladders.	M
Fort Belknap Reservation	Provide training for volunteer fire fighters for Wildland certification.	M
Fort Belknap Reservation	Recruit more volunteer fire fighters.	M
Fort Belknap Reservation	GPS rural homes to enhance wildfire protection.	H
Fort Belknap Reservation	Develop GPS database of water sources on reservation to enhance fire fighting efforts.	M



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Fort Belknap Reservation	Continue grazing in sustainable areas by wild and domestic ungulates to reduce fuel loading and lower potential wildfire intensity.	H
Fort Belknap Reservation	Construct pipe stands along creeks to assist with crews obtaining water.	M
Fort Belknap Reservation	Install fire markers on fences and utility poles to enhance response efforts.	H
Fort Belknap Reservation	Coordinate with BLM to employ fuel reduction treatments on lands with high or undesirable fuels.	M
Fort Belknap Reservation	Install sirens in communities to alert fire fighters to respond.	H
Fort Belknap Reservation	Burn around communities to mitigate wildfire risk.	H
Fort Belknap Reservation	Create defensible space around structures and promote FIREWISE programs around communities and private homes.	H
Fort Belknap Reservation	Obtain larger fire response vehicles to accommodate mobile generators.	L
Fort Belknap Reservation	Implement fuel reduction measures along highways and communication sites by cutting or mowing where feasible.	M



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Fort Belknap Reservation	Coordinate with landowners for enhanced grazing around towns to reduce fuels.	H
Fort Belknap Reservation	Implement Memorandum of Understanding with DNRC and BLM for fire response on reservation lands.	H
Fort Belknap Reservation	Develop water storage facilities for towns of Hays and Lodgepole.	M
Fort Belknap Reservation	Reduce number of abandoned wood buildings in towns.	M
Fort Belknap Reservation	Implement fuel reduction measures around perimeter and within communities by cutting or mowing where feasible.	H
Fort Belknap Reservation	Obtain fire tender for Lodgepole.	M
Glacier	Promote best management practices for crop and rangeland.	H
Glacier	Assist the public to develop defensible space around dwellings/farm buildings.	H
Glacier	Promote such educational programs as Firewise.	M
Glacier	Continue efforts to put smoke alarms in all residences, businesses and facilities.	H



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Hill	Construct fast fill water station north of Kremlin to reduce distance trucks have to travel to fill during fires.	M
Hill	Implement fuel reduction measures along highways, at communication sites, and on the perimeter and within communities by cutting or mowing where feasible.	H
Hill	With cooperators, provide classroom or video fire suppression training for rural area citizens and County employees who will respond to wildland fires.	H
Hill	Employ fuel reduction and/or containment treatments on CRP lands. With cooperators and landowners apply treatments such as double row plow/disk of perimeter, mow vegetation, introduce prescribed fire or a combination of these.	H
Hill	Locate and identify roads that have wooden bridges with the County. Plan protection measures and alternate routes in the event of a wildfire compromising or burning these bridges.	H
Hill	Continue grazing in sustainable areas with wild and domestic ungulates to reduce fuel loading and decrease potential wildfire intensity.	M
Hill	Coordinate with State Regional DES and Federal partners for scheduling attendance at Incident Command System (ICS) 100/200 and/or IS 700 or State of Montana DES training.	H
Hill	Develop GPS database of water sources for distribution and inclusion in County and municipality fire apparatus.	M





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Hill	Implement Firewise practices through creation of defensible space around communities and private homes. Utilized standard Fire Protection Guidelines for Residential Development in the WUI as identified in NFPA 1144 Standard for Protection.	M
Hill	Utilize and enforce Hill Co. Burning Permit requirements. Compare and review neighboring co. burn permits for selection of standardized burn permits.	H
Hill	Develop Type III Incident Management Team table of organization utilizing expertise within the county and adjacent counties with the MT State DES region. Utilize the National Incident Commander.	H
Hill	Reduce the number of railroad ignitions through coordination with railroad representatives. Coordinate and request railroad right-of-way fuel reduction to include mowing/spraying and removal at appropriate times.	H
Hill	Identify sites for temporary water sources such as large bladders to be filled and used during summer and fall fire seasons.	H
Hill	Update Volunteer Fire Department PPE (turnouts) and obtain SCBAs.	H
Hill	Recruit people for volunteer fire departments.	H
Hill	Coordinated with BNSF for earlier spraying of weeds along railroad right-of-way.	H



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Hill	Utilize Co. and cooperators expertise for GPS training. Provide incentive for fire fighters and emergency services personnel to attend this training. Practice until proficient with Co. GPS units. Use GPS and other information for Co. Wildland fires.	H
Liberty	Install a fire danger sign on U.S. Highway near Chester.	M
Liberty	Coordinate the development of the Community Wildfire Protection Plan with this plan.	M
Liberty	Work with the USDA to encourage landowners with CRP lands to create and maintain fire guards.	H
Liberty	Obtain maps of the distribution of the CRP acres from the Farm Services Agency to place at the fire halls at the start of each fire season.	H
Pondera	Continue efforts to put smoke alarms in all residences, businesses and facilities.	H
Pondera	Promote such educational programs as Firewise.	M
Pondera	Assist the public to develop defensible space around dwellings and farm buildings.	H
Pondera	Promote best management practices for crop and rangeland.	H



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Rocky Boy's Reservation	Recruit more volunteer fire fighters.	M
Rocky Boy's Reservation	Collaborate with USFS and BLM on fuel reduction projects.	H
Rocky Boy's Reservation	Coordinate with landowners for enhanced grazing around towns to reduce fuels.	H
Rocky Boy's Reservation	Create defensible space around structures and promote FIREWISE programs in communities.	H
Rocky Boy's Reservation	Identify appropriate locations for the installation of dry hydrants to provide water for fire fighting.	H
Rocky Boy's Reservation	Provide training for volunteer fire fighters for wildland certification.	M
Rocky Boy's Reservation	Develop additional water storage facilities.	M
Rocky Boy's Reservation	Create fire breaks as needed on the reservation.	H
Toole	Make a bulk purchase of fire extinguishers and make them available at cost to owners of farm equipment.	H



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Toole	Erect two fire danger signs along US Highway 2.	M
Toole	Erect or lease a billboard on I-15 with a fire prevention message.	M
Toole	Install a fire hydrant at Wilcox Corner on the water line being constructed north of Shelby.	H

